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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte NAIMUL KARIM and OSWALD GASSER

Application No. 10/749,306 Technology Center 3700

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Before DEBORAH PERRY, Supervisory Paralegal, Review Team PERRY, Supervisory Paralegal, Review Team.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 4, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

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EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on January 5, 2009. There

is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the

Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208,

part II.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the

Examiner to:

1) consider the Reply Brief filed January 5, 2009, as indicated above;

and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the

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